sembly in New York county last year was a Martimes surprise to the politicians of all parties. Of thirty-five Assemblymen two only were hosen from the Republican organization, and one of these, the successful candidate in the Twenty-third district, was also the nominee of the Citizens' Union, and but for that circumstance it is probable that there would have been only one Republican straightout member on the whole delegation. The Citizens Union party elected four members of Assem-My and Tammany Hall succeeded in securing twenty-nine, a wholly disproportionate number when it is considered that the Tammany vote on the Mayoralty was 20,000 less in Manhattan and the Bronx than the combined opposition to it. The result of the election, twenty-nine Tammany men. four Citizens' Union men and two organization Republicans, had very nearly the effect of putting the Assembly into the likely to be repeated this year, when the vote of every individual Assemblyman will count in the choice of a United States Senator on joint

There are, under normal political conditions and on a full vote, fifteen solid and steadfast Tammany Hall Assembly districts in New York, ten of which incline strongly to and are usually carried by the Republican party, unless distracted by factional contentions, and ten districts in which the result is uncertain, depending upon the divisions between the parties, the identity of the candidates chosen and other considerations, the most important of which are likely to be, this year, the popularity, or lack of it, of the Republican nominee for Governor, and the success of the Democratic State Convention in satis fying all elements of the Democracy sernice the financial question of 1896the political crime of 1896 against veritable ocracy. The field of nomination for Assembly candidates this year has been canvassed earlier than is usually the case for the reason that at the June primaries, provided for mder the new Primary Election law, various aspirants exerted themselves actively in the choice of friends on the Republican and Democratic committees, forestalling in this regard an activity which has heretofore usually been shown in the month of September. How far it will be availing the results of the various nominsting conventions will show.

In the First Assembly district, which is one of the strongest Democratic districts in town and has never elected a Republican, Daniel E Finn is again the probable Democratic candidate and for the eighth time. He was originally elected in 1884 and served four terms consecutively, being regarded generally as the first lieutepant in the district of Michael C Murphy, then the leader of the County Democracy. Mr. Finn was elected twice in opposition to the Tammany candidate and twice as the union candidate of both Demo-cratic factions. In 1888 and 1889 he was defeated, accompanying Col. Murphy in his McGinty descent toward political obscurity as a member of the County Democracy. In 1894 Mr. Finn was again a candidate. and he has been elected four times consecutively since—the same number as preceded his defeat in 1888. At last year's session Mr. Finn was one of the leaders of the Democratic mingrity. In the session of 1897 he was the leader, and in respect to duration of service he takes precedence over all other members of the Assembly except Patrick Henry Roche of the Fourth district, who was elected an Assemblyman one year earlier.
The Second Assembly district is more

strongly Democratic than the First, and was represented last winter by James Oliver, former doorkeeper of the Bryan and Sewall headquarters and a local statesman who is no longer ersona grata in this district. He is oppose Diver. In 1884 be ran against the Tammany candidate as an independent, and in 1835 was an independent candidate for Senator. He was nominated last year when Alderman Brown was the Tammany leader here, and the chances of his renomination are regarded as simmany leader here, and the chances of his renomination are regarded as simmany. The Third district Democratic representative in the Assembly was Dominick Mullaney, to before it was the Third, and was first elected in 1882, the year G. Cleveland became Governor. Cleveland and Mullaney run on the same of the company of the Cammany there is no company of the company of the company of the Cammany there is no company of the Cammany there is no company of the company of th by the Chairman of the organization. Patrick Divyer. In 1894 he ran against the Tammany andidate as an independent, and in 1895 was an independent candidate for Senator. He was nominated last year when Alderman Brown

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James Nodine, 10 months old, died in Roose velt Hospital last night from the effects of the heat. The parents, John and Emma Nodine brought the child to the hospital in the after-noon. They said they were dispossessed two weeks ago from 439 West Forty-third street and since then had been sleeping in Central Park.

The Weather.

The heat wave was felt throughout all the country east of the Mississippi River yesterday, the temperature as during the previous four days ranging from 90° to 100°. West of the Mississippi there was a decided change, the temperature being from 2° to 22° lower. The greatest change was in Wyoming, Ne-brashs, and South Dakota.

The coolness is moving slowly but surely eastward,

and it should be over this section on Monday.

The storm in the West has passed northward over Minnesota and will not deter the movement of the

Fair weather prevailed in all districts, except heavy

rains in Georgia and Tennessee and thunderstorms in the lake regions and a portion of the Middle Atlantic and New England States.

In this city the day was fair and very warm, with thundershowers threatening in the evening; highest official temperature 92°, lowest 74°; average humidity 72 per cent.; wind southwesterly, average velocity 8 miles an hour; barometer, corrected to read to see

level, at \$ A. M. 29.88, 3 P. M. 29.80. The temperature as recorded by the official ther mometer and size by THE SUN's thermometer at the

WARRINGTON FORECAST FOR SURBAT.

For New England and eastern New York, partly cloudy weather; thunderstorms and cooler in the afternoon; earliable winds.

For the District of Columbia, eastern Pennsyl vania, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland, fair; continued high temperature, followed by thunder-showers and cooler Sunday afternoon or night; south

For western New York, western Pennsylvania, and Ohio, partly cloudy weather, followed by thunder-storms and cooler in the afternoon; fresh southwest

DUCKS BY THE THOUSAND.

ACRES OF THEM RAISED ON A FARM NEAR TRENTON.

It Is Said to Be the Only Enterprise of the Kind in the Country-New York Eats All the Ducks Turned Out There-Ways of the Ducks-Water Bad for the Young Ones Tannton, N. J., Sept. 3.-Acres of wild ducks is a common but extravagant descriptive term used by some sportsmen, and acres of wild reese is one of the things people read of in Cali-

ornia. Some allowance is usually made for the statements, but there need be none made for the assertion that on a farm within four miles of Trenton there are seres of domestic ducks. Every one who has ridden over the new stope road in Ewing township knows the duck farm. No one could go within half a mile of it without knowing of its existence, as the quacking of the thousands of ducks-in size

ranging from those two weeks old to the full makes such a poise that it is not to be mistaken. The farm borders on the Shabbakons road, and the fields beside the road are filled with large and small flocks of pure white

Pekin ducks.
Patrick MacAvoy is the duck farmer, and ne says he knows of no one else in the coun try who is in the same business, though there s a farm in the northern part of the State where Western ducks are fattened for the New York market. Fifteen years ago Mr. MacAvoy was a bookkeeper in New York. His health gave way and he was advised to move into the country. He came to Ewing town-ship, rented a farm, and embarked in the milk business. He was one of the ploneers in bottling milk. He was also a pioneer in the use of ensilage as food for his cows, and built a large silo in connection with an improved and well-appointed cow barn and dairy. These were destroyed by fire about ten years ago and Mr. MacAvoy looked about for some new

He started a chicken farm to raise broilers for the New York market, but soon found that there were dealers who sold broilers for 20 cents a pound early in the season, while he could not afford to raise them for less than 50 or 60 cents a pound. He investigated, and earned that the two and three pound birds shipped from the West in the fall and winter were frozen in refrigerators and held for the early spring trade. That drove him out of the chicken broiler business, and he started his duck farm.

He began nine years ago with five ducks Last year he raised 30,000, and last week had on a part of his 150-acre farm about 26,000 The number will grow less week by week now until about Dec. 1, when his stock will be reduced to about a thousand, or maybe 800, which will be the finest of his flocks and will be kept for breeding purposes next year. New York takes the whole product of the farm.

"There is only one market in this country." Mr. MacAvoy said. "That is New York. The luck broiler season begins in the latter part of February and continues until cold weather. t closes with me in the latter part of Novem

It closes with me in the latter part of November, when it is cold enough for the Western men to ship their stock to New York."

These thousands of ducks are all hatched in incubators of Mr. MacAvoy's invention. There are eighteen of them, with a capacity of 1,000 eggs each, and in the height of the hatching season, about the latter part of May, it takes the entire time of one man to look after the incubators and remove the little duck-lings to the brooders, which are placed in a sunny room in the second story of an adjoining building. Here they are kept for ten days, when they are ready to be transferred to the held. It takes nature four weeks to hatch a duck's egg; the incubators can beat nature by forty-eight hours.

Not every egg that goes into the incubators produces a duck. The duck farmer has succeeded in the artificial hatchery, and at other times has secured only 50 per cent. All the eggs are tested before being piaced in the incubators, and at the end of the third day they are again carefully inspected, and those that lack fertility are taken out and boiled hard and mixed with the meal cake that furnishes the food for the ducklings during their earlier days.

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"Not so much as is generally believed," he replied. "I have found that if ducks are fed regularly it requires little to keep them fat. They get all they can eat. The little ones are fed six times a day and the grown ones three times."

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"But you have no ponds for them to swim in. Ducks cannot be raised without water. can they?"

"No. They get all the water they can use, but it is given to them in troughs. It is for them to drink, not to swim in. There is a creek down at the end of that field that is for the grown ducks that are ready for market. They are so fat that they must have the cooling water of the creek for their bath, and they spend much of their time under the trees in the shade. There are wooden shelters for thoothers, in which they run to escape from rainstorms and from the heat of the sun in the middle of the day. Besides, you know, water is not healthy for young ducks," and in explanation the duck farmer went on: "It's a curious fact that if water gets upon the back of a young duck before its feathers grow, the duckling will die."

The farm is divided into fields, some of which are given up to general crop raising. The fields are subdivided into runs by means of wire netting about eighteen inches high. The partitions appear to be low enough for even a duck to jump over, but the ducks never get from one run into another, except once in a while a "rake" drake or duck, or one that will not fatten. The 600 ducks selected for next season's breeders are now quartered in one end of a large field of red clover. There is nothing to prevent them from wandering at will over the entire field, but they stay in one end, where their feeding and drinking troughs are placed. In this part of the field the ground is as closely cropped as a well-kept baseball diamond, and it is almost completely covered with downy feathers that have fallen from the birds. The rest of the field is covered with a rank growth of clover, and when the ducks are to be moved their troughs are carried about twenty feet over into the clover. They follow, and in a tew days have the space clear of vegetation.

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Adjoining the field of breeders is the field for the ducklings, in one end of which are the runs connected with a row of low one-story frame houses, about 200 feet long. Flocks of 200 or 300 are placed in each run, as it is found that they do not thrive when allowed to run in one large flock. In the field they wander about in flocks, and when disturbed by the visit of a stranger each flock will start in single file for its particular runway. Apparently they know where they belong, as some occasionally get into the wrong runways and quickly go out and into the right one.

The ducks, large and small, appear to know Mr. MacAvoy and the dozen men and boys employed to aid in caring for them day and night. These attendants go about the fields, and the birds pay no attention to them. Neither do they mind the two large English mustiffs and five? fox terriers that guard the flocks against theves, rats, foxes, and other unwelcome visitors. Besides the dogs there are watchmen employed day and night. Few visitors are admitted.

The principal food of the ducks is a mixture of ground corn, bran, broken crackers or biscuits, and meat scrape, the meat and bone being reduced under steam pressure into a liquid mass and then mixed with the grain in huge troughs.

Broiler ducks when fit for the market should weigh from five to seven pounds, and this weight Mr. MacAvoy can get in ten weeks from the egg. Beginning in February, he makes three shipments a week, increasing to five a week later on in the season. Under the same roof that the duckling leaves the egg he closes his brief career, as the killing room adjoins that containing the incubators. Here they are killed in the peculiar fashion demanded by the trade, scalded in steam boilers, picked, dressed, and backed for market. The feathers themselves make quite an item in the income of the farm. They are of snowy whiteness and soft as the do

DR. DECKER'S SHAKE NO MORE CURES MALABIA.

STABBED THE WRONG MAN. An Italian's Evense for Seriously Wounding

While John Owens of 63 Heyward stre Williamsburg, was in front of a saloon at Bedord avenue and Heyward street early yesterday morning Marcus Dejuan, an Italian, of 186 Jefferson street sneaked up behind him and jabbed a knife into Owen's abdomen. Owens fell with a groun and the Italian ran away. He was pursued by half a dosen men and Bounds-man Daniels. After a chase across the roofs of half a dozen houses to Rutledge street and Bedford avenue, Dejuan was caught behind a

ehimney. At the Clymer street station the prisoner said he had mistaken Owens for a countryman who had a grudge against him. The police who had a grudge against him. The police were informed that on Friday afternoon Dejusa was in the neighborhood and seted queerly. He tried twice, the police were informed, to stab a man and a boy with a stiletto. When the Italian was arraigned in the Isee Awnus Police Court he had nothing to say, and was committed without ball for a bearing next Wednesday. Owens was dangerously wounded.

GERMAN SINGERS OFF ON A TRIP The Franz Schubert Maennerchor of This

City Visits Hauleton, Pa. HAZZETON, Pa., Sept. 3.-The Franz Schubert Maennerchor of New York came on a visit to Hazleton this evening on a train over the Le high Valley Railroad. The party was met at the depot by delegations from the two local German singing societies and escorted to the Lehigh Valley Hotel, where the society established headquarters. Later in the evening the New York singers and the local Germans joined in a commers in Maennerchor Hall, where beer was consumed and songs of the

where beer was consumed and songs of the fatherland were sung until a late hour. Mayor Meyers welcomed the guests on the part of the city and Senator Kline spoke for the local Concordia Singing Society, at whose invitation the New Yorkers had come to Hazleton.

To-mergow the guests, who number some 150 men and women, will be shown around Hazleton, apend the afternoon at Hazle Park and in the evening participate with the two local German singing societies in a sacred concert in the opera house. On Monday morning the guests will depart for Mauch Chunk, where they will take a ride on the Switchback Railroad and after supper at the Manslon House leave for New York.

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